

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ONLINE WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2021** AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillors M Joyce (Deputy Mayor) Presiding

Councillors:	P Bullivant	D Howe
	Mrs C Bunday	C Jenks
	Mrs Karen Crout	Mrs A Jones
	Mrs K Crout	M Pilkington
	R Hayes	M E Ryan
	M Hocking	Mrs L Sheffield

Invited Guests: Myles Clough Director Currie & Brown
County and District Councillor Mrs Jackie Hook

Officers In attendance:	Philip Rowe	Town Clerk
	Samantha Scott	Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
	Sally Henley	Town Development Manager
	Nigel Canham	Communications Advisor
	Alexandra Robinson	Principal Administrator

632. **WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**

Prior to the start of the meeting the Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone, including Myles Clough, Director Currie & Brown and Project Manager for the Newton's Place Project. The Deputy Mayor advised that the Mayor was unable to attend the meeting and on behalf of the Council he wished him well, he further added that Council's Chaplain Rev Gareth Regan had given his apologies for the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor reminded Councillors and all those who attended the online Council Meetings that it was courteous to seek the online access details directly from an officer of the Council and such details should not be shared with a third party. The public were welcome to attend such meetings and the access details would continue to be provided accordingly.

633. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Colin Davieson, Ryan Hall, Richard Jenks (Mayor) and Colin Parker.

634. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

635. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th January 2021 were received and signed as a correct record.

636. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

637. **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor advised Members that engagements were severely restricted due to the Government guidelines therefore, neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor had been involved in any engagements since the last meeting of the Council.

638. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

639. **NEWTON'S PLACE PROJECT**

The Deputy Mayor invited Myles Clough, the Council's Project Manager for the Newton's Place Project to give a verbal report. Mr Clough updated the Council on financial aspects of the project following the completion of the construction phase in June 2020.

RESOLVED that the Council noted the verbal report as presented by Myles Clough, Currie & Brown and recorded its disappointment at the content.

640. **RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Following the conclusion of the report made under Minute 639 above, the Deputy Mayor welcomed the public back into the meeting.

641. **MAYORAL/CLERK ACTIONS TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING BETWEEN MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk reported that he had not been required to take any action on behalf of the Council since the last meeting held on 27th January 2021.

642. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor invited Chairmen to report on matters in relation to their Committees or Sub-committees during the period of COVID-19 Government restrictions.

A. Councillor David Howe, Chairman of Planning Committee reported on the following issues:

- The Chairman thanked Councillors for their continued consideration and responses to Planning Applications.

B. Councillor Mike Hocking, Vice-Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee reported on the following issues:

- Referred to the Standing Orders and Snow Plan to be discussed later in the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Chairmen for their updates to the Council and acknowledged the continued work and efforts during the Government restrictions.

643. **POLICIES**

The Deputy Mayor introduced the Council Standing Orders and the Snow Plan 202/21 previously circulated, drawing Members' attention to the key principles

contained within them and advised that whilst they had not been altered that they were due to be reviewed as part of the annual cycle of policy review. Accordingly, it was;

RESOLVED that the Council Standing Orders and Snow Plan 2020/21 be hereby, approved and adopted.

644. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported that he had received notification from Devon Building Control Partnership that Newton Abbot Town Council and LSN Architects had been recognised for their involvement in an excellent building project, Newton's Place and had been awarded a certificate of recognition for their achievements.

645. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Council would be 10th March 2021.

646. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

647. ASSET OPPORTUNITY

The Town Clerk reported on initial investigations regarding two potential assets in the town. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED that the Council note the verbal report as presented by the Town Clerk and gave permission for Mr Rowe to seek further information on the two sites and to report back to the Council in due course.

Chairman (Mayor)